

Candidates Give Views About Role of Trustees

Editor's Note: Two seats on the El Camino College Board of Trustees are available in the April 20 election. The only contested race is in the Torrance ward, where Jack N. Dabbs, president of the board, is being opposed by John G. L. Crain.

A. J. Neil, who represents El Segundo on the board, is unopposed for re-election to a new term.

Both candidates for the Torrance post have responded to a questionnaire prepared by the Torrance League of Women Voters. Today, the Press-Herald publishes the questionnaire. While answers have been grouped by question to avoid unnecessary repetition of the questions, no changes have been made in the candidates' responses.

Are there specific areas of our education program in which you would like to see improvement? As an El Camino College school board member, what recommendations or proposals would you make to effect such improvement?

John G. L. Crain: "Voters of the El Camino College districts have approved the assessment of taxes considerably in excess of the otherwise maximum allowable tax level. I would question the distribution of this tax money to determine if due consideration is being given to the comparative importance of plant costs—vs.—instruction costs. We have seen a continual building program at the college site while our wage level for the instructors

has fallen to a level of 21st out of 27 Southern California Colleges, 38th out of a total of 63, statewide. First consideration should be given to the instructors, to retain the best and to attract top-level to apply for openings. If the student hasn't learned, the instructor hasn't taught."

Jack N. Dabbs: "Curriculum improvement is a continuing process at El Camino College. Courses are added when a student or community need is shown and deleted when there is no longer a need. The graduation of our first class of Registered Nurses last June, and the recent purchase of computer equipment for the double use of the business office and instructional program are two examples of filling such student and community needs."

"I am in full agreement with the California 'Master Plan for Higher Education' which encourages the student to complete the first two years of his college work in the junior college where it can be done with less expense to the student and less expense to the taxpayer, without sacrificing the quality of his education."

What personal or specific qualifications do you possess which would contribute to or enhance your effectiveness as a school board member.

John G. L. Crain: "More than 40 firms in as many different cities located throughout the U. S. believe in my abilities to represent them in the development of business for them. City Council of Torrance saw fit to appoint me to Charter Member

Banning Adult School announces the opening of an advanced course in seamanship and boating safety on April 19. The instructor is Captain Donald Brandmeyer whose classes have been profitable, practical and interesting. The class will meet for nine weeks each Monday evening from 6:30 to 9:30.

The course is designed to aid yachtsmen and fishermen in the operation of their craft in coastal and offshore waters. Navigation, piloting, weather, hull design, salvage techniques, and the laws, rules, and licenses of small craft will be discussed.

Captain Brandmeyer has served as master of several large ships, and has been a marine surveyor for 14 years. He has completed three years

Army Spec. 5 Gary D. Cook, 20, son of Eugene C. Cook, 243 W. 22th Place, was assigned to the U. S. Army Support Command Viet Nam, March 23, as a personnel specialist.

Specialist Cook entered the Army in September 1961 and was last stationed at Ft. Hood, Tex.

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Sore Throat Demands Immediate Attention

A sore throat can be a flag of danger — danger that a "strep" infection is present. Strep infections can lead to rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease — the cause of more long-term disabling illness in children than any other disease.

Not all sore throats are "strep throats," of course; but the Los Angeles County Heart Association warns that if a child complains of a sore throat that has come on suddenly and if he has a fever of 101 degrees or more, swollen neck glands and/or certain other symptoms (such as pain when he swallows), he should be seen by a doctor without delay. If a diagnosis of strep throat is made, treatment is available to wipe out the infection and prevent rheumatic fever from taking hold.

The symptoms parents should be alert to, and the procedures used to control the infection, are outlined in a leaflet entitled "Now You Can Protect Your Child Against Rheumatic Fever," available on request from the Southwestern Branch of the Los Angeles County Heart Association, 16811 Hawthorne Blvd., Lawndale, Calif. 90250; telephone 371-3591.

RHEUMATIC FEVER most commonly starts between the ages of 5 and 15, but its ef-

fects can be lifelong. Altogether it was estimated recently that more than 1,200,000 Americans over the age of 18 have rheumatic heart disease, usually the result of a rheumatic fever attack in childhood.

If every recognizable strep infection were promptly and thoroughly treated, this enormous reservoir of adult cases of rheumatic heart disease could be dramatically lowered for future generations.

Many childhood diseases confer immunity, the Los Angeles Heart Association points out, but rheumatic fever does not. Rheumatic fever is a repeater and with each attack there is a new chance of damage to the heart, especially its valves.

HENCE, FOR the youngster who has already had an attack, it is all the more important to prevent new strep infections that can lead to a recurrence. This is usually accomplished by daily doses of oral penicillin or sulfa drugs or by monthly injections of a long-lasting penicillin.

Here, too, the parent has a responsibility: to make certain that the child who needs long-term preventive treatment gets it—through regular visits to the family doctor.

IF SHE DOCKS HERE

Torrance Class Hopes For Tour of Freighter

A fifth and sixth grade combination class in Torrance is hoping that a freighter in the Panama Canal docks in Wilmington sometime this Spring. The ship in question is the S.S. Limon, owned by a freight line which is headquartered in New York City.

For the past six months students in Miss Carol Anderson's class at Madison School have been corresponding with the ship's captain.

They first wrote to the ship when their teacher suggested that they might supplement their geography studies about the Caribbean Islands by adopting a ship which travels to the area.

Students liked the idea, and immediately sent a note to the captain of the S.S. Limon asking him to describe the vessel, her crew, her cargo, and her destination.

Return mail brought a lengthy letter from Captain Everett Newcomb, describing trade routes and ports of call the S. S. Limon is scheduled to visit during the next several months.

Letters back and forth have been traveling the high seas ever since. Information gleaned from the correspondence went into notebooks students recently completed concerning the Panama Canal.

In all his letters, the captain never indicated a definite date for a stopover in Los Angeles Harbor. But with the optimism only an eleven- or a twelve-year-old can muster, the class is looking forward nevertheless to that remote possibility.

If and when Wilmington should become a port of call, a class of Torrance students will be the first to board the S.S. Limon when she docks.

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